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## Editors Are Cheerful Liars

Did it ever occur to you why editors are such cheerful liars? The cross-road town today would boycott the man who dared to tell the truth and nothing but the truth in a country newspaper. Strange as it may seem to some, editors as a class are born with a conscience, but as they run up against the lying public who have some selfish motive in view, their early training at their mother's knee is too often forgotten in the scramble for the almighty dollar.

Mother Swell-head has a trophy with twelve present. She asks the editor to say there were fifty present and a four-course banquet followed. Mr. Blowhard orders nine dollars worth of goods and asks him to say that he has nine hundred dollars worth of goods.

Let the meanest old cuss in town pass in his checks and the preacher and editor lend him to the skies. "No matter if he has been a wife-beater, a chicken thief and a drunken reprobate, who 'knack' while his wife chases dirty underpants up and down the washboard to feed her half-starved family; when this man's carcass is deposited in the bone orchard, then it is that the public expects the editor to be a smooth liar and whitewash his benighted soul."

Next comes the flannel-tongued scandal-monger of the female persuasion, who has ruined the lives of many young girls, and who has kept the social circles of the town in hot water for years by the use of her deceitful, lying tongue; she becomes an angel in the columns of the newspaper the moment death paralyzes her tongue and the golden streets of the New Jerusalem become the scene of her scandal mongering activity.

A preacher may be an ordinary pulp-pounder, and a bore to the community, but every time he talks the editor is not good if he fails to say "the sermons are musically deep and dramatically interesting."

Every "dinky" entertainment must be grand, every school masquerade, and every business man progressive, every city dad religiously perfect, every new-comer a valuable acquisition to society; the climatic must be delightful, the men the most public-spirited in the

vine, or the paper is not worth reading, and the editor is too slow.

If an editor fails to conform to these standards of public deception and downright lying, he will not have a friend in town, and yet the town howls for a purer press!

Is it any wonder under these circumstances that the editor lives in a hell on earth and does nothing better in sight—  
Ex.

## LOCAL NEWS

Henry Morn was in town on Thursday.

A. G. Holland was a business visitor in Alia.

Keep the date open for the big dance on Feb. 12th.

E. Jesse and son Raymond was in town on Thursday doing some trading.

Roy Hopkins enjoyed a visit over Sunday from his Father, Mother and uncle of Erskine.

Master James Cook entertained a number of his friends on Wednesday evening in honor of his fourth birthday.

Renew your subscription to The Journal and get the vote for your friend if you are not in the contest yourself.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will hold their next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11th, at the home of Mrs. John Kelso.

The Mirror-Journal is getting out a telephone directory which will be distributed to all telephone subscribers as soon as completed.

Have you secured your ticket for the big masquerade dance. Tickets can be obtained at any of the stores in town. Don't forget the date, Feb. 12th.

The JOURNAL will give 25,000 votes for one new subscription, and \$1000 for a new one. Get busy now if you want that piano. We will give this amount of votes all through February.

C. T. Allen left on Wednesday for Nebraska. Mr. Allen says that he has never found any place yet to beat any Alia towns, and says that he has been in much better health since he came to Albia. Mr. Allen expects to be back to our sunny climate about the first of April. We will be pleased to welcome C. T. back to our district.

## Communication.

Editor, The Mirror Journal:—  
Dear Sir, In your issue of Jan. 29th, there is a communication by "Pub-lica" which seems to call for a reply in that it criticizes an article which I wrote for your issue of the 15th inst.; but since the writer was not man enough to sign his name but took refuge behind a pen-name I scarcely know his identity easy to guess. His intimate knowledge of the extent of the circulation of The Mirror Journal points to the fact that he had inside information regarding the affairs of that paper, while his frequent use of the editors "we" and "our" indicate either the same fact or else evidence that the letter was a sort of company compilation. At any rate I would advise him in future to either be honorable enough to sign his own name to such an epistle or to use the pseudonym "Torn Scinde" or "J. P. Handy man" so that his readers may know who is writing.

One thing I can say for him and that is that he is an adept at exaggeration of which there are many examples in his article. Let me cite a few. He quotes me as saying that "J. P. Handy man" has become the plague-spot of the North American Continent." Now I used no such expression as an examination of the issue of Jan. 15th will show. I did say that this particular building had become a "plague spot in our town" but I did not say anything else.

He says that I am a minister of the Gospel should have pitied rather than to have censured the unfortunate woman. I could easily bring forward witnesses to show that I expressed my pity for her about the time of the arrest, but I also stated that she must not be allowed to remain a nuisance to society. I do think more should be done in the way of helping such people. I do not think I should have given myself as little interested in the welfare of the citizens as I did. I am worthy "Scinde" or J. P. or town constable had I not done what I could to bring such a condition of affairs to an end. Such pretended sympathizers as "Publica" are the kind who instead of trying to stop such a woman in her course of crime, make it easier for her to sink deeper in the mire.

He also states that the local authorities should have been more informed of what was going on first before the provincial department was notified. The new constable told me that they were ignorant of what was taking place because I don't believe it. They themselves confessed that the constable ordered the woman off the ground when she was masquerading in men's clothes and that was four days before duty. If the constable were made by the Editor's article detectives. Why was she not arrested then or at least banished from the town? Can they possibly say they were doing their duty? If they had done so it would not have been necessary to call in others to do it for them. Besides those things have been going on for months, not weeks and I did not know it before (which I doubt) they are all the more blameworthy. I have heard the matter discussed here in town for months and I am sure the local administration had plenty of time to act had they wished to do so; but there are none so blind as those who will not see.

Let us give you a few facts which brought me to this conclusion. On the evening of the arrests (Jan. 24th) another Mirrorville and were Lake street when the King George Restaurant was raided. Two men rushed up the street towards the J. P.'s office. One was a well-known writer of Mirrorville and the other as I afterwards learned was a native of Alia. The Alia man who seemed to be under the influence of liquor said, "Get in a club till I knock them two"—using a foul name referring to the detectives. "No," said the Mirrorville, "Let us see the 'Old Man'." Then they knocked at the Mr. Rayner's front office door and while waiting for an answer the Mirror man lit a cigar or cigarette thus revealing his identity to us. When they received no answer at the front they went around to a door at the east end and from the length of time they stayed we concluded that they had a long sojourn. Now I wish to ask, "Did those men go in there to get justice dealt out to offenders or because they hoped to get things 'fixed up'?" The next morning about

ten o'clock I also gained an entrance at the same door. I asked Mr. Rayner if he intended to try those cases that morning. He professed profound ignorance of what I was referring to. I then informed him that a woman and a man had been arrested the evening before at the King George Restaurant and I thought they had been taken over to the cells. He said nothing had been said to him about it and flew into a rage (supposedly) because he said that was not a proper place to keep anybody in overnight forgetting that he is chairman of the village council was responsible for having a suitable place for keeping prisoners in. I told him I had met some men going down towards the hotel, so it might be the man was taken down there for the night, but I couldn't tell where they had taken the women. Just then the detective came in and laid his complaint. The J. P. stood around, asked the detective to state his authority and acted as if he wished to bluff the latter out of it. The detective told him he was a Provincial man, that he had the necessary evidence against the prisoners and that he wanted the case carried on morning as he had to get back to Edmonton on the afternoon train. Turn to my surprise Mr. Rayner said, "It is a nice stir you have started in town, keeping people running in and out of my office and me in bed under the doctor's care." The detective assured he had been in his office before. "Well said," Mr. Rayner "you were the cause of it." I wonder how that corresponded with what he had told me about knowing nothing about the arrests. He finally reluctantly consented to try the case on Monday. I thinking it would be tried in the town hall left the office intending to be present at the trial, but I soon learned that it had taken place in the J. P.'s office. I simply give you these facts and allow you to draw your own conclusions.

Now to the statement of "Pub-lica" to the effect that I was the "instigator" in the arrest of the woman, while I repudiate his right to call me the instigator I admit that it was I who informed the department in Edmonton of the presence of the woman in town. I thought that in so doing I was but performing my duty to the people of Mirror and I yet think so. I had waited long and patiently for the local authorities to take action. As for the necessity for my notifying them of what was taking place, I considered that it was necessary as for me to go to Mr. Rayner and inform him that he was Justice of the Peace. I considered that they knew the facts and that they were quarreling on the street took place and still nothing was done my only reason for not telling the facts in a possession of the Provincial authorities who, I felt convinced, would take action. Why should Mr. Rayner have made such an outcry against the proceedings if not because he felt guilty because he failed to do his duty? If the town constable failed to collect incriminating evidence against the offending parties and to lay the same before him as Justice of the Peace why should he object to having Provincial detectives do so? Why such a howl if he was anxious to punish offenders and uphold the laws of the land?

As for the accusation that I desired to gain advertising I have only to state that I had not intended that my name should be connected with it at all, but through the indiscretion of the J. P. and the fact that he was divided by him and therefore made public. When I knew that had been done I no longer tried to keep the fact secret because I considered I had nothing whatever to regret or feel ashamed of for the part I had played. But when our Scinde shows his astonishing inconsistency in his statement that he believes that "Pub-lica" is golden and then he proceeds to rest off two full columns of "useful" public consumption. We have all heard his kind before. They fall to take any steps to put down a public evil and then when someone else does try to do so they raise the cry that "dirty liars should not be washed in public." Which course I ask you as intelligent readers of The Journal, appeal to you as being right viz: to cover up a municipal evil for fear prospective settlers should hear of the true condition of affairs in Mirror and to bring them here under false pretenses only to have them leave in disgust at having been duped and to have them also warn their friends and acquaintances not to come to such a place, or on the other hand to give the public to understand that although such conditions had existed, steps were being taken to rid the town of

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## Hockey

### Mirror 2--Tofield 5

On Friday last the Mirror hockey club crossed sticks with the Tofield seven on Tofield ice and were defeated by a score of 5-2 in a very gentlemanly game. The boys blame their defeat to the condition of the ice and the poor lights in the rink.

### Mirror 5--Delbourne 5

In one of the roughest and hottest games on the part of the Delbourne seven the Mirror hockey club played that town to a tie game of 5-5. In the first twenty minutes play the Mirror boys demonstrated the fact that they were so much faster than the opposing team that the Delbourne team said that the only way to win the game was to play dirty hockey, which they proceeded to do in the last two periods, and to say that it was dirty would be putting it mildly, it was rotten, and resulted in the Mirror boys coming back all crippled up from being thrown into the fence and used as buffers for hockey sticks, but they proved their sportsmanship in staying on the ice and playing the game to a tie.

This kind of hockey does not appeal to us, as it does not show a team up in a very nice light when they can not accept defeat and be gentlemen. The return game will be played on the home ice in the very near future.

### St. Mobias' Church

Sunday, Feb. 7th, Holy Communion 11 a. m.  
Sunday, Feb. 7th, Mission service 7:30 p. m.  
Evening and address at 3:30 on the other Sundays in the month.  
Sunday School 2 p. m.  
M. W. Holdom.

The meeting of the Mutual Improvement society held under the management of the social department last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Iveson was a decided success. There were twenty-two present and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## 5,000 Facts

### About Canada

"Know Canada! make Canada known!" is a striking sentence in the War Year edition for 1914 of that popular booklet "5,000 Facts about Canada," compiled by Frank Veigh, of Toronto, who knows Canadians probably few Canadians do. It is true that he who would know Canada and its wonderful growth in any one year, will find this annual publication "worth its weight in Yukon gold or Cobalt silver," while as a means of making the Dominion known in other countries, it is no less valuable. Fifty chapters are devoted to such subjects as Agriculture, Army, Banking, Census, Immigration, Mining, Manufacturing, Trade, etc., and a page of Canadian War Facts show how up-to-date it is. Sketch maps are included of the Dominion in 1767 and 1915. Copies may be had from progressive newsmen, or by sending 25c to the Canadian Facts Publishing Co., 588 Huron Street, Toronto, Can.

HUTCHINSON.—Born on Saturday, Jan. 30th, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Mat. Hutchinson, a son.

## PLOW SHARES

I can furnish almost any make of plow share at from

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Less than Regular Price

Leave Your Orders Before March 1st

J. F. Flewelling

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G. W. G. Overalls, none better, a full range of sizes in Blue Stripe, Plain Blue, and Black.

Men's Unlined Gauntlets and Gloves from 90c per pair up.

We are expecting new goods to arrive every week. Drop in and see what we have.

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Mirror and Alia

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BUY  
HUMBERSTONE

at the same price as poorer coals

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### FARMERS' BUSINESS

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T. S. LITTLE, Manager

Mirror Branch

## DO YOU KNOW

That you can save 50 per cent. of your grain bill by feeding **Intermar's stock food**. It promotes digestion and assimilation of food and keeps your stock in better condition at about half the cost.

**25c, 50c and \$1.00 per package**  
**\$3.75 per pail**

Feed **Intermar's Poultry feed** and make your hens lay.  
Full Stock of Veterinary Remedies  
CHAS. SUGGETT, P. C., A. C., Phm. B.

## Piano Contest

The Mirror Journal will give the following number of Votes on the Piano Contest at Duitman & Johnson store, as follows:—

25,000 Votes for a New Subscription  
15,000 " for a Renewal Subscription  
5 " for ever cent on Job Printing  
5 " for every cent on Advertising

Cut out this Coupon, and present it at Duitman & Johnson's store and they will exchange it for **100 Votes** on the Piano Contest.

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BASHAW ALBERTA

### PHYSICIAN

**Dr. G. W. Meyer**

M. D., C. M.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON  
Office at house, opposite English Church.

### Listings Wanted

I can now arrange exchanges of farms in the Mirror district with revenue producing properties, in the city of Vancouver or also for small fruit farms outside Vancouver.

**W. MacKIRDY**  
MIRROR ALBERTA

Mrs. A. J. Frank, L.R.A.M.L.C.

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**GUARANTEED RELIEF**  
**FROM ALL BOWEL ILLS**

If your bowels are out of order, instead of using those harsh salts or other physic, take a **Real Relief** (Laxative), and tomorrow you will feel great. They taste good and act so easily that there isn't a particle of griping or purging, nor the excessive looseness that follows the taking of salts and most pills. They soothe and strengthen the bowels, promptly relieving the constipation, making it milky to occur again.

We don't believe there is any other bowel remedy anywhere near as good, and at the same time so easy and pleasant to take as **Real Relief**. We know you will tell us and we believe you will thank us for telling you about them. If they don't satisfy you in every way, come back and tell us and we will give back your money without a word of question. You have no more to risk. In vest pocket tin boxes; 10c, 25c, 50c. You can buy **Real Relief** only at The Retail Store, and in this town only of us.  
Chas. L. Suggett, Mirror

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All Contract Advertising Accounts payable at the end of each month.

We do not necessarily concur in or accept responsibility for all views expressed by correspondents or contributors. Letters may be signed by a nom de plume, provided they are accompanied by a bona fide signature.

MIRROR, ALTA., FEB. 4, 1915

W. J. Carroll, Vice Chairman  
Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence received and held for instructions since last meeting was attended to.

Moved by Mr. Weatherall seconded by Mr. Sims that Mr. Cairns be appointed Delegate to Annual Convention of L. I. D. to be held in Calgary 16th to 18th Feb'y next, carried.

Moved by Mr. Sims seconded by Mr. Carroll that an assessment of 6¢ per acre be levied for current year, residents to be allowed to work out three fourths of their taxes on roads and pay 1¢ in cash non resident to pay cash and all arrears to be paid in cash. Motion lost. Moved by Mr. Weatherall seconded by Mr. Cairns that an assessment of 6¢ cents per acre be levied for the District, that rate of pay on roads be \$5. per day for man and team and \$2.50 per day for man only, that non residents pay taxes in cash and that all arrears be paid in cash. Carried unanimously.

Some pay sheets for Divisions 2 and 6 were passed for payment.

McDonald & McBride's bill of costs in case Moore v. Council was ordered paid the Council to file Statutory Declaration against deceased's estate for the amount.

P. Russell was reappointed Secy-Treas. at \$550 per annum.

Council resolved that case referred for each Division of the District be kept separate except when ordered otherwise by vote of Council.

The Council decided to meet in Alix on the last Thursday of every alternate month.

Meeting adjourned.

P. Russell, Secy-Treas.

**School Reports**  
for January

Mirror School District

Senior Department.

School open, 20 days; Enrolled, 28; average, 28.175; per cent, 93.71.

Perfect Spelling.

Edgar Lambott, Roy Lambott, Clarence Ray, Claude Mott, Dan Clarke, Mayta Neis, Irene Healy, Dorothy Dowdell and Edlie Kadlie.

Perfect Attendance.

Lucile Brewster, Clarence Ray, Frank McLeod, Roy Lambott, Dorothy Dowdell, Irene Healy, Mayta Neis, Lillian Pringle, Dorothy Clarke, Eunice Cook, Evelyn Tullock, Roy Merkle, Eddie Kadlie, Milton Merkle, Johnnie Clarke.

Robert L. Pretty, Teacher

Junior Department.

School open, 20 days; Enrolled, 32; average, 27.65; per cent, 80.40.

Perfect Attendance.

Andrew Hutchinson, Teddy

Cooke, Louise Stevenson, Mary Clarke, Claude Marshall, Johnnie Stevenson.

S. Albrecht, Teacher.

Primary Department.

Days taught, 20; Aggregate attendance, 5661; average, 27.82

Percentage, 95.93.

Perfect Attendance.

Dora Brewster, Mildred McLeod, George Crook, Ralph Lakey, George Ray, Edna Brewster, Lawrence Johnson, Donald Hoagie, Lysal-Pringle, Willie Benton, Archie Price, Harold Merkle, Fred Tullock, Andrew Ray, Cecil Conway, James Clarke, Grace Tullock, Bertha Jackson.

Mrs. Bolch, Teacher

South B. L. School District

Grade VIII, Annie Lofstrand 97; Ian Kerr, 93; Esther Sorom, 91; Edwin Kerr, 91; Orville Sorom, Grade VII, Eric Sorom, 89; Iva Kerr, 79; Robt. Felt, 65; Grade v, Mary Lofstrand 89; Jane Felt, 86; Martha Marshall Pearl Graham, 74;

Grade III, Myron Sorom, 85; Floyd Sells, 78.

Grade I, R. Marshall, J. Marshall, Ray Marshall.

Present every day, 9.

Alfred Miller, Teacher.

PIANO CONTEST

RECORD

The following is the standing of contestants in the piano contest.

Contest.	Number of Votes.
100	3208489
99	3272190
98	1226616
97	714566
96	894490
95	497163
94	490005
93	358065
92	138652
91	129718
90	117888
89	105555
88	73971
87	68201
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The annual meeting of the Mirror Library club will be held in the Library building on Thursday evening, Feb. 11th, at 8 p. m. All members are requested to attend.

### FOR SALE

Pure Hereford stock, Two year old Bulls for sale; also three year old, coming two and older stock.

PYM HUGH.

14-4th. Box 140, Mirror

Lady Teacher Wanted

Lake Bend S. D. No. 151. School to start March 16th, for eight months. Apply stating salary to J. D. Munroe.

13-3rd. Sec'y-Treas., Mirror.

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The Mirror Hardware Co's. Contest  
Commencing from to-day and ending Aug. 19th, 1915.

We give with every Dollar Cash Purchase one coupon, and the one having the most Coupons will receive:

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Second Highest: One 22 High Rifle  
Third Highest: One Handsome Gasoline Lamp  
Fourth Highest: One Splendid Carving Set

We want your trade and these prizes will be given absolutely free.

This contest is for the purpose of introducing ourselves to those who are not our regular customers and to show our appreciation of those we have had the pleasure of serving.

All accounts have to be paid on or before Jan. 25th, or will be handed into our Lawyer for collection.

**The Mirror Hardware Co.**

Corner Robert and Gilman : Mirror, Alberta

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